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Further and favorable consideration of the above application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 38-40, 42 and 44 as follows: